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Respectfully submitted,

Date: August 19, 2005



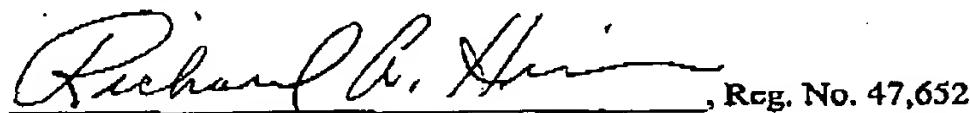
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Sir:

In response to the final office action mailed May 19, 2005 (Office Action) amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this submission.

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